

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/808,359

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 5/2/2005. (*Amendment*)
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3,4,6-15,17,18,20-29,32 and 33.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 02 May 2005 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 4/29/2005
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____



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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The following office action is in response to the correspondence filed 5/2/2005.

The objection to the drawings for failing to show the key activated lock has been withdrawn since the applicant has furnished new drawings showing the element.

Likewise, the objection to the specification has been withdrawn as it has been amended to include the key activated lock.

The objection to claims 4 and 15 have been withdrawn since the applicant has amended claims 4 and 15 such that they no longer lack antecedent basis.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

In claim 11, line 1, "the port security apparatus" has been amended to read, -- the security mechanism --

In claim 13, line 1, "said security device" has been amended to read, -- said security mechanism --

In claim 14, line 9, "the port security apparatus" has been amended to read, -- the housing --

In claim 20, line 1, "The apparatus of claim 14" has been amended to read, --
The apparatus of claim 17 --

In claim 22, line 1, "the housing cover" has been amended to read, -- the housing
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In claim 26, line 1, "the security device" has been amended to read, -- the security mechanism --

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1, 3-4, 6-15, 17-18, 20-29, and 32-33 are allowed.

As noted by the applicant, independent claims 1, 14, 27, and 33 have been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter, "a security mechanism.., wherein the security mechanism is constructed to require access to the interior of the device to access the enclosure". Consequently, claims 3-4, 6-13, 15, 17-18, 20-26, 28-29, and 32 are allowable for at least the reason that they depend on independent claims 1, 14, and 27.

Conclusion

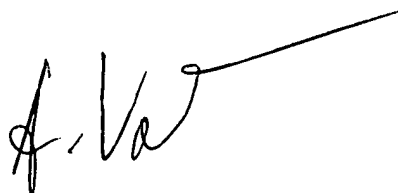
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Zachary M. Pape whose telephone number is 571-272-2201. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Thur. & every other Fri. (8:00am - 5:00pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynn Feild can be reached at 571-272-2092. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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